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SUBJ: 1973 FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT, PROPOSED FY 1974 SECURITY
ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION, JAMAICAN MILITARY EQUIPMENT

REF: A. STATE 85052; B. KINGSTON 266

1. WE NOTE FROM THE BREAKDOWN BY COUNTRY AND REGION
FOR THE PROPOSED 1974 SECURITY ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION
THAT NO REPEAT NO ENTRY APPEARS FOR JAMAICA. HOWEVER,
STATE 216446 OF NOVEMBER 29, 1972 AUTHORIZED
US TO INFORM THE JAMAICAN GOVERNMENT THAT THEY COULD
EXPECT \$280,000 IN FMS CREDIT TO COVER THE PURCHASE OF
A BELL 206 JET RANGER HELICOPTER.

2. WE REALIZE THAT THE CONDITIONAL COMMITMENT IN
STATE 216446 WAS FOR FY 1973 AND WE REALIZE THAT IT WAS
FOR A RELATIVELY SMALL AMOUNT WHICH MIGHT NOT WARRANT A
SEPARATE LISTING. NEVERTHELESS, THE JAMAICAN CASP
REFLECTS OUR FEELING THAT OUR LONG TERM INTERESTS HERE
WOULD BE SERVED BY HAVING JAMAICA PARTICIPATE IN A SMALL
BUT RECURRING FMS- CREDIT PROGRAM. WE, THEREFORE, HOPE THAT
SUITABLE PROVISIONS COULD BE INCLUDED IN FORTHCOMING
SECURITY ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION AND REGULATIONS.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING THE DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS.
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